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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIG. 4. This sheet, which includes only FIG. 4, replaces the original sheet of FIG. 4. In FIG. 4, the word "impart" in step 402 is changed to "import," the word "Dependant" in step 418 is changed to "Dependent," and the word "Dependancy" in step 420 is changed to "Dependency."

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Applicants have made changes to the specification and drawings to correct various typographical errors. The amendments contain no new subject matter.

The Office Action rejects claims 2-23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rush (US patent 6119102) in view of Hazama (US patent 6539399) and further in view of Hondou (US patent 5881283). Applicant has cancelled claims 2-23. Therefore, the 103 rejection is considered moot.

Applicant has introduced new claims 24-29. The new independent claims 24, 26, and 28 recite numerous specific details of the scheduling system, many of which are not found in the cited prior art. For example, none of the references Rush, Hazama, and Hondou - taken singularly or in combination - teach or suggest comparing the plurality of work cards for each work order to a work card template by using the steps (a)-(g), as recited in claims 24, 26, and 28. Moreover, none of the cited references teach or suggest adding work cards found in the work card template but not found in the plurality of work cards from the work order to the plurality of work cards to the work order by using steps (h)-(l), as recited in claims 24, 26, and 28. Finally, none of the cited references perform what-if scenarios of the production schedule by revising the production parameters for the plurality of work cards from the work order by using steps (o)-(v), as recited in claims 24, 26, and 28. The new independent claims 24, 26, and 28 are believed to patentably distinguish over the Rush, Hazama, and Hondou references, taken singularly or in combination. The dependent claims 25, 27, and

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29 are believed to be in condition for allowance as each is dependent from an allowable base claim.

Applicant believes that all information and requirements for the application have been provided to the USPTO. If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of the Application, Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney at the Examiner's convenience.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due with this Response to U.S. PTO Account No. 17-0055.

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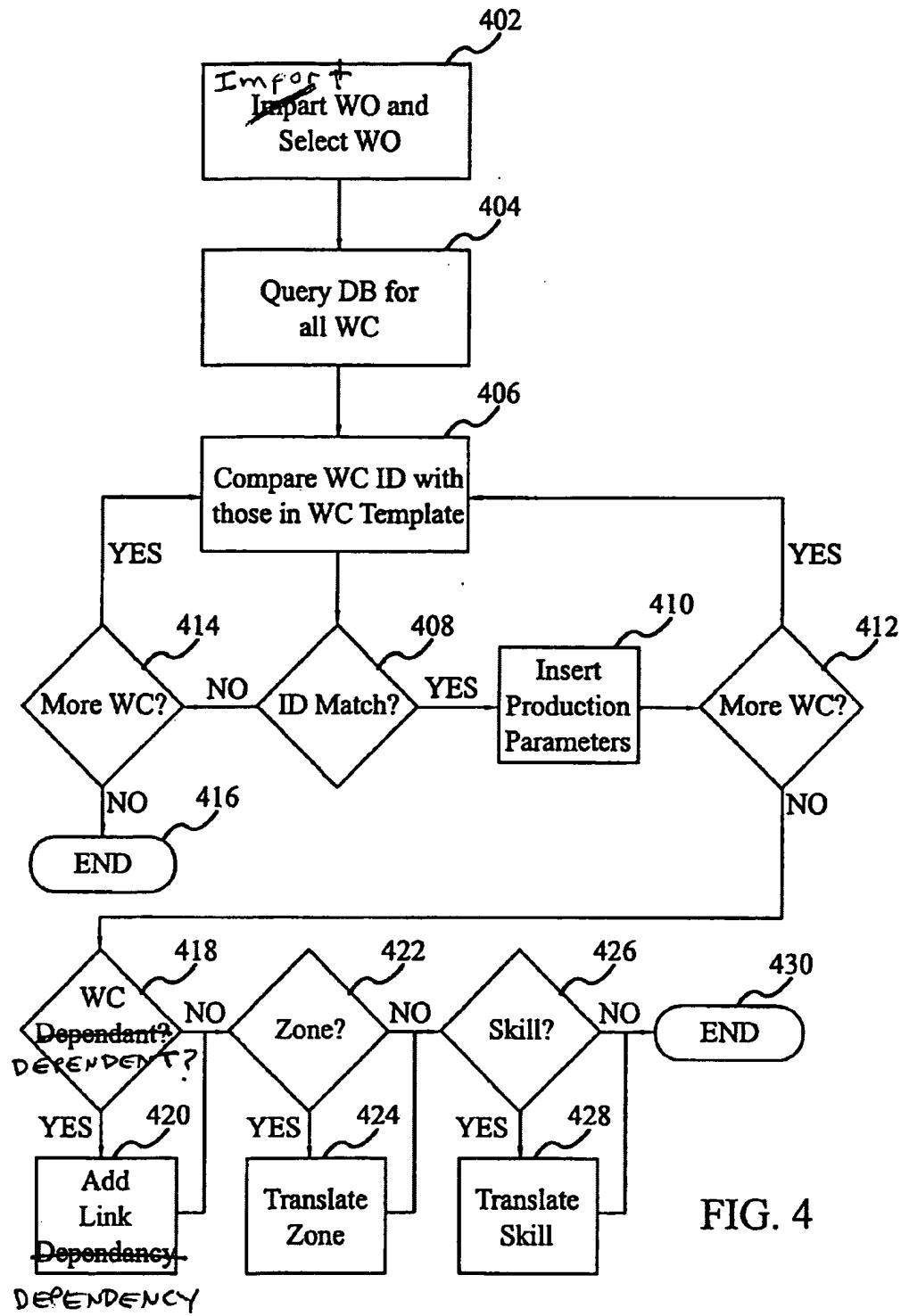


FIG. 4